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Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr # 100
Columbia, SC 29210

PETITION TO INTERVENE, Docket 2019-290-WS

Please be advised that I seek permission to intervene as a party of record in the above-mentioned Docket. As a customer of the utility since 2004, it is my moral prerogative to oppose any unreasonable rate increase request such as this one. Just two years ago, Docket 2017-292-WS earned the utility an approximately 30% rate increase (in keeping with a legal ROE of 10%). To now seek an increase of more than 50% shows clearly their true nature – that of a Private Equity Company masquerading as a utility outside of the public interest. Even if the utility did have a history of providing service commensurate with its premiums (which is the polar opposite of longstanding reality), no utility or public service that seeks a 50% rate increase in the current economy should be allowed to operate in any state of the union. Blue Granite (and all of its preceding name change entities) has historically provided water at a higher cost and with the lowest possible level of customer service. The Public Service Commission of South Carolina must not allow this travesty to continue.



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